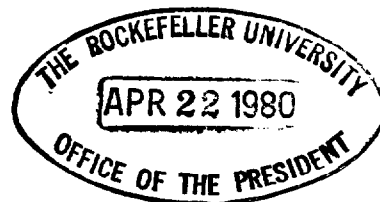




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Dear Josh:

I simply wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the sum-up of the Twentieth Anniversary session on Science that you gave at Stanford. I was very sorry that I wasn't able to have more time with you, either before or after the session, and would like at some point to have you either take me up on an invitation to spend some time together or let me drop by the Rockefeller, as you have requested, on some visit in the near future.

The major purpose of this letter is to see whether or not there is some reason to try to assimilate my comments with yours to write a paper on some of the underappreciated characteristics of clinical investigation as well as some of the requirements at an institutional level to make it highly desirable and feasible. Undoubtedly, you could accomplish this task without me but perhaps, it might be worthwhile getting together to further develop the specifics of your ideas that were introduced in your commentary session at the Scientific Symposium. I am sure that we will have an opportunity to meet. If we don't meet before the May meeting of the Institute of Medicine Seminar in Clinical Investigation, we should be able to see each other there. Let me know, after you have had a chance to think about it, whether construction of such a manuscript would be desirable from your point of view. All the best.

Sincerely yours,

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